

SEP 28 2006

McDermott  
Will & EmeryBoston Brussels Chicago Düsseldorf London Los Angeles Miami Milan  
Munich New York Orange County Rome San Diego Silicon Valley Washington, D.C.

**Certification of Facsimile Transmission**  
 I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile-  
 is transmitted on the Facsimile and Trademark Office  
 on the date of this letter.  
*Ramyar Farid*  
 Type or print name of person making transmission  
 9/28/06  
 Date

FACSIMILE

Date: September 28, 2006

Time Sent:

<b>To:</b>	<b>Company:</b>	<b>Facsimile No:</b>	<b>Telephone No:</b>
Examiner Joseph Perrin	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office	571-273-8300	

---

<b>From:</b>	Ramyar M. Farid	<b>Direct Phone:</b>	202.756.8146
<b>E-Mail:</b>	rfarid@mwe.com	<b>Direct Fax:</b>	202.756.8087
<b>Sent By:</b>	Matilda Mason	<b>Direct Phone:</b>	202-756-8661
<b>Client/Matter/Tkpr:</b>	43890-552	<b>Original to Follow by Mail:</b>	No
		<b>Number of Pages, Including Cover:</b>	15

---

**Re:**      **Application No.:**      09/986,975  
              **Attorney Docket No.:**      43890-552

## Message:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2006.

The information contained in this facsimile message is legally privileged and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copy of this facsimile is strictly prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original message to us at the below address by mail. Thank you.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ALL OF THE PAGES, PLEASE CALL MATILDA NEWMAN AT 202-756-8661 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Main Facsimile: 202.756.8087      Facsimile Operator: 202.756.8090

U.S. practice conducted through McDermott Will & Emery LLP.  
 600 Thirteenth Street, N.W.      Washington, D.C. 20005-3096      Telephone: 202.756.8000

OFC received 5p. (missing 10 p.)

Docket No.: 043890-0552

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

: Customer Number: 20277

Shunji IMAI, et al.

: Confirmation Number: 6015

Application No.: 09/986,975

: Group Art Unit: 1746

Filed: November 13, 2001

: Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin

For: WASHING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF WASHING LAUNDRY

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****SEP 28 2006**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
☐ Also attached:

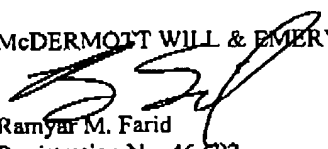
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	55	64	0	\$50.00 -	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

McDERMOTT WILL &amp; EMERY LLP

  
 Ramyar M. Farid  
 Registration No. 46,692

600 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
 Washington, DC 20005-3096  
 Phone: 202.756.8000 RMF:MaM  
 Facsimile: 202.756.8087  
 Date: September 28, 2006

Please recognize our Customer No. 20277 as our  
 correspondence address.

WDC99 1290738-1.043890.0552

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

SEP 28 2006

Docket No.: 43890-552

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Shunji IMAI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 6015
Application No.: 09/986,975	:	Group Art Unit: 1746
Filed: November 13, 2001	:	Examiner: Joseph L. Perrin
For: WASHING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF WASHING LAUNDRY	:	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 28, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.